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SUBJ: CISL GENERAL COUNCIL SESSION CONCLUDES WITH UNANIMITY;

FIXES DATES FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

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. THE CISL GENERAL COUNCIL CONCLUDED ITS THREE-DAY SESSION
IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JANUARY 15 BY GIVING UNANIMOUS
APPROVAL TO THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS DELIVERED BY THE NEW CISL
LEADER, LUIGI MACARIO. THE MACARIO REPORT WAS DESCRIBED BY THE
CLOSING RESOLUTION AS BEING "INDICATIVE" OF FUTURE CISL POLICY.
BEHIND THIS INDICATION OF UNANIMITY, HOWEVER, WERE DIVERGENCIES
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WHICH CENTER ON THE CHOICE WHICH FACES CISL IN DETERMINING THE
PERMANENT SUCCESSION TO BRUNO STORTI.

2. MACARIO'S KEYNOTE REMARKS CONTAINED CRITICISMS OF PAOLO
SARTORI, LEADING CISL MODERATE. THOUGH NOT ACCUSED BY NAME,
SARTORI WAS CRITICIZED FOR OPPOSING THE CISL POLICY FOR LABOR
UNITY, FOR HIS POSITION FAVORING LABOR CONCESSIONS ON THE WAGE

ESCALATION SYSTEM, AND FOR HAVING BOYCOTTED THE CCU NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN ROME ON JANUARY 7-8 (ROME'S 348). NATIONAL SECRETARY MARINI CAME TO SARTORI'S DEFENSE, SAYING PEOPLE LIKE SARTORI "ARE AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT IN THE CATHOLIC AND DEMOCRATIC LIFE AND TRADITION OF CISL".

3. DURING THE GENERAL COUNCIL, CARNITI HAD TRIED IN VAIN TO FORCE A VOTE IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PRECIPITATE A CHOICE BETWEEN HIMSELF AND MARINI FOR CISL'S NUMBER TWO POST. HE THEN HOPED TO PROVOKE A SIMILAR SHOWDOWN BY EXPLICITLY INCLUDING MACARIO'S CRITICISMS OF SARTORI IN THE CLOSING RESOLUTION. SKILLFUL MANEUVERING BY MARINI SUCCEEDED IN THWARTING THIS MOVE, SO THAT SARTORI JOINED IN APPROVAL OF THE CLOSING RESOLUTION. AT ONE POINT, CARNITI GAVE THE PRESS THE IMPRESSION THAT, UNLESS HE HAD HIS WAY, HE WOULD RESIGN AS NATIONAL SECRETARY, AND SEVERAL PAPERS REPORTED AS MUCH. IN FACT, THE MATTER WAS PAPERED OVER WITH THE UNANIMOUS APPROVAL, AS NOTED.

4. CISL'S QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION WAS FIXED FOR JUNE 14-18. THE CGIL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD JUNE 6-11. THE UIL CONVENTION WILL FOLLOW THAT OF CISL, WITH DATES NOT YET FIXED PRECISELY.

5. COMMENT: MARINI PROCEEDED VERY ADROITLY THROUGHOUT THE GENERAL COUNCIL. IT IS GENERALLY CONCEDED THAT HE WON THIS ROUND AT CARNITI'S EXPENSE. THERE ARE, OF COURSE, FURTHER ROUNDS TO BE FOUGHT. VOLPE

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